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The DOLLMAN

The smallest living human in the world

DARREL DANE WHO FIGHTS LAWLESSNESS AND DRUGS. HIS CLOSE FRIEND DR. ROBERTS HEADS HIM IN SEARCH OF A NEW MEDICINAL HERB.

DEETL DANE
Dollman

A YOUNG SCIENTIST WHO HAS DISCOVERED A FORMULA THAT REDUCES HIS SIZE TO THAT OF A TINY DOLL.

Dr. Roberts
FRIEND OF THE DOLL-
MAN.

ONE OF THE FEW WHO KNOW WHO THE DOLL-
MAN REALLY IS.

CEDAR
JUNCTION

LOOK, DARREL, THERE'S
SOMEONE
WAITING
FOR US.

HE MUST
BE THE
OLD INDIAN
WAMPUM.
TOD WROTE
HE ABOUT.

HOW! HE FROM
TOD GUNTHER
PLACE. YOU COME
TO CAR, I
TAKUM
YOU TO HIM.

THANKS
WAMPUM.

TELL ME, WAMPUM
HOW ARE THINGS
AT THE RANCH?

UGH!
HEAP BAD
EVL LUCK.

CROPS BAD, DUSTY STORMS
KILLUM CATTLE, PRICES BAD,
MORTGAGE SOON DUE, NO
MONEY FOR TO RY/UGH!
OTHERWISE EVERY
THING HOTSY
DOONLET.

TOD!

ROBERTS YOU
OLD HAVERICK!
IT'S RIGHT I
GOOD TO SEE
YOU!

THIS IS DARREL
DANE, MY
ASSISTANT.

RIGHT
PLEASED TO
MEET YOU!
COME ON UP
TUH THE
HOUSE!





SOON HE FINDS
SOMEONE WHO
WAS A FRIEND
OF COMPANY







MEANWHILE, THE DOLLARMAN BOYS
ARE UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO THE
BARN OF QUINCY GROSS.





THEY ARRIVE SAFELY AT THE TRACK.



WANT LOOK THERE!
THAT FUNNY OLD
INDIAN'S GONNA
BE TODD'S
JOCKEY!

HAW!

EL DIABLO
STAYED!



LOOK AT
THAT HORSE!
HE'S A
BEAUTY!

A HORN SUMMONS THE HORSES TO THEIR PLACES.



THEY'RE OFF!
WHAT A RACE LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN!
TODD'S EL DIABLO IS
LEAVING THE REST
BEHIND! WHAT A
HORSE!



HOW'D THEY GET
IN THE RACE?



WELL, I'LL STOP HIM MY
OWN WAY!



THE INDIAN CATCHES AT HIS
WOUND, STAYS IN HIS SADDLE.



I'M A FOOL FOR NOT
GUESSING WHAT BREED
WOULD DO!



I'VE GOT TO
SAVE THIS
RACE FOR
TODD!



DEFTLY THE DOLLMAN TIES THE
WOUNDED INDIAN IN PLACE...



AND AN UNCONSCIOUS INDIAN
RIDES EL DIABLO BLIND TO
VICTORY!

AN EXCITED CROWD SURGES ABOUT THE WOUNDED INDIAN. THE DOLLMAN SEEKS OUT DR. ROBERTS.

DOLLMAN!
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!

TAKE CARE OF WAMPUM. HE'S NOT HURT BADLY. I'VE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH GRESS!

SUDDENLY EL DIABLO REARS.

WITH THE DOLLMAN IN THE SADDLE HE IS OFF.

THEY SOON COME UP BEHIND THE FLEEING GRESS.

THE DOLLMAN!

YES, YOU MURDERING RAT!

YOU'VE HAD THIS COMING FOR A LONG TIME!

THE CAR OUT OF CONTROL CAREENS MADLY TO THE OLD BRIDGE.

IN A CLOUD OF DUST IT LURCHES DOWN THE HILL.

THE WOODEN BRIDGE MEANS-THAT GRESS'S MEN CAN'T GET UNDER THE WEIGHT.

THE NEXT DAY...

YEAH, WHEN THEY FOUND GRESS HE COULD ONLY SAY ONE WORD BEFORE HE DIED 'DOLLMAN'.

WONDER WHO...
LOOK THERE IS DARREL!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

OUT PICKING HERBS AND FLOWERS!

AND YE NEVER HEARD OF THE DOLLMAN!

WHY-ER-NO NEVER HEARD OF HIM!

CAPTAIN FORTUNE

by
VERNON
HENKEL

THE "REVENGE" CARRYING
CAPTAIN FORTUNE AND HIS
PIRATE HUNTERS CUTS
BOLDLY THROUGH THE
CALM WATERS OF THE
CARIBBEAN SEA.



KEEP AN EYE OUT
FOR LAND, KENTSHIRE!
WHERE WE MAY TAKE
ON FRESH WATER!

AYE,
FORTUNE!



LATER—AS THE SUN BEGINS
TO SINK IN THE WEST—

LAND
HO!



AN UNCHARTED
ISLAND! SHE
HAS A QUEER
LOOK,
FORTUNE!

AYE, BUT
WE'RE RRRR
IN NEED
OF WATER.
WE'LL GO
ASHORE!



NIGHTFALL—FINDS THE CREW
OF THE "REVENGE" Huddled
ON THE ISLAND.



'TIS DAWN! THERE WILL
BE WATER IN THE HILLS
OVER THERE. ORDER
THE MEN TO FILL THE
SHIP'S CASKS. THEN
COME WITH ME
KENTSHIRE!



ONCE ATOP THAT CLIFF,
WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE
IF THERE ARE ANY
VILLAGES BEYOND.



REACHING THE LOFTY HEIGHTS
AFTER A DIFFICULT CLIMB,
FORTUNE AND KENTSHIRE
NOW BEHOLD A STRANGE
SIGHT...



LOOK!
AN OLD
CITY!

IF WE GO DOWN! NO! 'TIS
THERE SHALL ONLY A DEAD
WE TAKE A FEW MEN
WITH US! DESERTED
CITY... THERE
WILL BE NO
DANGER!



I HAVE A FEELING
THAT THIS IS DANGEROUS
FORTUNE. LET US TURN
BACK WHILE WE CAN!



FORTUNE AND KENTSHIRE ENTER AN OLD TEMPLE.

GOLD! KENTSHIRE!
GOLD! THIS WHOLE
PLACE IS MADE OF IT!

THEN A HEAVY BUMBLE
FILLS THE ROOM.

FORTUNE! THE DOORS!
THEY ARE
CLOSING!

AYE!
AND
LOOK
OVER
HERE!

OH INVADERS OF THE
SACRED TEMPLE OF
TAPU, PREPARE TO
DIE!

AT A SIGNAL FROM THE
HIGH PRIEST A SCORE OF
MEN DART FROM THE
SHADOWS!

YOUR FEARS WERE
RIGHT, KENTSHIRE! USE
YOUR STEEL, LAD!

THERE ARE
TOO MANY
FOR US!

BUT THERE
IS NO
ESCAPE!

SOON FORTUNE AND KENT-
SHIRE ARE OVERPOWERED.

PUT THEM TO
DEATH AT ONCE!

BUT THE PRIEST'S SHARP
COMMAND IS INTERRUPTED.

NOT
SO FAST!

THEY WAIT AND DIE AS
A SACRIFICE TO TAPU
AT HIGH NOON TOMORROW
MORN. TAKE THEM TO
THE DUNGEON!

IF ONLY WE COULD
GET WORD TO OUR
CREW!

BUT 'TIS
IMPOSSIBLE!

NEAR DAWN A MONSTROUS
PRIDE SCALES THE
WALL OF THE ANCIENT
CITY!

THE GUARDS FLEE IN
TERROR AS THE MONSTER
STALKS TOWARD THE
TEMPLE.



AND INTO THE QUEEN'S
CHAMBER...



FROM HIS CELL WINDOW
CAPTAIN FORTUNE SEES...



QUICK! THE TEMPLE
GUARDS ARE IN A STATE
OF CONFUSION! IF WE
CAN GET OUT OF HERE,
LEND ME A HAND!



THAT
DOES
IT!



THE GUARDS!
I'LL HOLD THEM
OFF, FORTUNE.
HURRY FOR
THE CREW!



IF FORTUNE
RECAPES
I LIVE!



OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS...

A WOMAN'S TRACKS
WITH THESE OTHERS
IN THE SAND! I'LL
FOLLOW THEM!



AS FORTUNE REACHES A
ROCKY SLOPE HE STOPS
AND...



THROUGH THE SHADOWY REAR
OF THE MONSTER LOOKS
RIGHT BEFORE HIM AND...



THAT
WAS
CLOSE!



ALL THE QUEEN!
RELEASE HER,
YOU DO!





BIG TOP

THEY WERE ALL THERE & NEW YORKERS — HE TOLD HER HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF HER. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF HER.



BIG TOP



ZERO

GHOST DETECTIVE

BY
NOR POWELL

THE TOWNFOLK OF COOLHOOK ARE WELL PLEASED WITH THE FIRST SERMON DELIVERED BY THEIR NEW MINISTER, REVEREND ATWELL.











REYNOLDS OF THE MOUNTED

By Prizant

A FIERCE FOREST FIRE RAGES IN WOLF HEAD'S BAY AS THE VILLAGERS FIGHT DESPERATELY TO SAVE THEIR HOMES.

BRIGHT - THERE'S TROUBLE AT WOLF HEAD'S BAY - FIRST SEVERAL ROBBERIES AND NOW A FOREST FIRE.



AT WOLF HEAD'S HEADQUARTERS

THERE'S BEEN REPORTS IT'S THE WORK OF A WILDMAN WHO LIVES IN THE HILLS - YOU'VE GOT TO GET HIM, SERGEANT - HE MAY TRY TO MURDER NEXT!



A WILDMAN, EH?

HOURS LATER - MR. REYNOLDS RUSHES OVER WOLF HEAD'S BAY.



JOH! LOOK - THAT DARKS IN FLAMES - QUICK - MAKE A LARONS!



GOSH - WHAT A BLAZE, EH, SERGEANT?

I'LL BET IT'S THE WORK OF THAT WILDMAN -



WOLFE - MY NAME IS JEAN. I SEE WILDMAN START FIRE AND THEN RUN INTO HILLS WHERE HE LIVES!

THAT SETTLES IT -



JEAN - TAKE ME TO THE NEAREST CASH. I'M GOING TO STAY THERE UNTIL THE WILDMAN SHOWS UP AGAIN!

SURE - FOLLOW ME, WOLFE.



YOU CAN STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU LIKE, WOLFE!

THANKS, MADAM - ON BOB - WE'VE GOT TO CAPTURE THIS MONSTER!



SERGEANT - THIS IS MY NICE, MARE, AND TRAPPER TOM PRITTON WHO BOARDS HERE!





HERE'S HIS
TAIL LEADING
RIGHT DOWN
THIS MOUNTAIN!

GRABbing TO REYNOLDS THE
TAIL, HE WAS FOLLOWING HIM
ONE BEHIND.



LIGHTLY IT'S A CLEAR
NIGHT - I CAN MAKE
OUT HIS TROOPS
HERE - THEY LEAD
RIGHT TO THAT
CAVE!



USING MY GUN WON'T DO
MUCH GOOD - IT'S TOO DARK
IN HERE - I'LL HAVE TO
STEEP UP ON HIM -
WELL - HOORAY!
GEE!



THE SLURPING
WILDMAN THROWE
REYNOLDS OVER
HIS HEAD.



I WAS SOUND AND
SAFE - I SAW IT SERGEANT
THERE HE
WAS!



IT DOESN'T MATTER, HARRY -
I'M GLAD HE DIDN'T HURT
YOU - I'LL
GET HIM
YET!

LISTEN
HARRY!



IF MR. RUTON HAD TRIED TO
KILL ME TONIGHT - THE
WILDMAN SAW HIM FROM
OUTSIDE THE CAVE. HE
BROKE IN AND BROKE
RUTON DOWN - THEN
CARRIED ME AWAY!

RIGHT ON
WELL - I'LL
BE A CHOP!
WE'VE GOT TO
GET BACK TO
THE CAVE!



THERE'S
YOUR
GUN
NOW!

SERGEANT - RUTON LEFT
WITH ONE OF HIS MEN -
I HEARD HIM SAY THEY
WERE LEADING FOR
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN!



LENN—AS
LOOKOUT
WILDMAN!

THERE'S SMOKE
JUST AHEAD.
MUST BE HASTON'S
CAMPFIRE!



WHA—HEATINGS! HOT
AROUND—GREAT! SCOTT!
HERE COMES THE
WILDMAN UP THE
TRAIL!



DON'T MOVE,
WILDMAN—HOLD
YOURSELF!

HASTON IS BEHIND THE
WILDMAN WITH A GUN!



I THOUGHT YOU'D FOLLOW
ME HERE... JOHN AND I
STARTED THOSE FIRES,
THEN SPREAD RUMORS IT
WAS THE WORK OF A WILDMAN
WHO ROAMED THE HILLS.



WE PLANNED TO KILL WARD
AND HASTON DE NOO—NATURALLY
SUSPICION OF THESE MURDERS
WOULD FALL ON YOU—BUT YOU
RUINED EVERYTHING BY
ADVANCING
WARD!



THIS TIME YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO RESIST—
HOLD ON!
REACH
HASTON!



WHAT IS IT—
IT'S
THE
MOUNTAIN!

YES, DUTTON—
AND I HEARD
EVERYTHING!



IS REYNOLDS SPRAWLING A TRAMP
CREEPS UP FROM BEHIND.



HELL BE
KILLED BY
DUTTON!—WH—

LENN—LENN
WAS HE
YOUR
DUPES!



AS SOON AS HE WAS
YOUR PARTNER IN
CRIME, WE'LL START FOR
HEADQUARTERS—



UGH!





SPIN SHAW

OF THE NAVAL AIR CORPS

MULTIPLE PAGE STORY THE ADVENTURE OF SPIN SHAW AND HIS COPILOT, DECISION MAKING SPEED TO THE EXPLORERS' RESCUE. BY *Red Smith*



THE RISK OF HEAVY CLOUD BANKS
WINDS FORCES TO ACT IN INSTANT
MOMENTS ALL THE WAY



WE
SHOULD BE
RIGHT OVER
THEM NOW!



OK, PUSSE WOULD
RIGHT I'M GOING
TO SET HER
DOWN!

LIFTING THE MOTORS SPIN DIPS
INTO THE FLEETY MISTS



LOWLY DESCENDING BENEATH
THEIR WINGS AN ICE MOUNTAIN
SEEMS FRIENDLY!



JAMMING OVER THE JOY STOLIE DESPERATELY TRIES TO AVOID A
CRASH BUT IN VAIN. A WING CRASHES INTO THE ICE!



TORQUING OVER BRIDGES THE SHIP
SETTLING IN A SMALL CANYON.



THAT MY DEAR SPIN IS
WHAT I CALL A
VERY SLURPY
LANDING!



SUDDENLY TWO RENEGADE
WOLVES STARED FOR FOOD
SNARL VIOLENTLY AT THE
FALLEN AIRMEN!



AS THE FIRST LEADS FOR SPIN'S
THROAT A SHOT RINGS OUT!!







REARUPPERS FROM AN ALTH-
AND PLOOF! BEHOLD A MORTEN
COURT IN THE BEAST'S MUCK.



REARUPPERS FROM AN ALTH-
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REARUPPERS FROM AN ALTH-
AND PLOOF! BEHOLD A MORTEN
COURT IN THE BEAST'S MUCK.



IS HE?

HES SOME DOTTER
THE BEST PAL A
MAN EVER HAD!

SADLY THE COUPLE BURY THEM
TWO IN THE FROZEN FIELD.



GOOD THE
FELLA!

RESUMING THEIR TORTUOUS TRACK
SPIN AND DONKEYMAN PLOOF ON.



I CANT SEE ANYMORE! IF I
COULD ONLY
REST!

COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED SHAW SINKS TO THE GROUND BECOMING
UNCONSCIOUS. SLOWLY THE FROSTING WINDS AND DRY
BEGIN TO DENY THAT HE LIVES ANYMORE.



HOW KIND IS WHITE MAN AND
HIS? I MELICANS MESS
ALBE TIME DOPEY SHOULD
STAY IN MELICAN!



UGH KIND WHITE MAN HEAVY
I LEARN GOOD TALK WHEN
GO TO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
NOW I HAVE SOMEONE TALK
TO IF HE DON DIE
FIRST!



MUSH, KIND! TRUCKIN SELL
TO GOOD. SHUM YELL
GOOD DRINK THE
WATER HE TOLD!



LALA PALOOZA

DRUGS



LALA PALOOZA



RANCE KEANE

ALL AMERICAN

THE NEW YORK CITY & HUNTERDON COUNTY PLAZA

RANCE KEANE, a young man with a mustache, is shown in a close-up, looking slightly to the right.

THINK OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE RANCE KEANE HAS MET HERE. HE'S BEEN TO THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

COME ON INTO THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE STUDYING AT COLLEGE, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU'RE A THIEF.



DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF ALL COLLEGES IN NEW YORK CITY?

I BELIEVE I HAVE A LOT OF ALL COLLEGES IN NEW YORK CITY.



THEY'RE ALL COLLEGES IN NEW YORK CITY.



STOP! YOU'RE A THIEF!

HERE YOU ARE! YOU'VE BEEN IN THE ALL-AMERICAN PLAZA.

LET'S GO!



THEY'RE ALL COLLEGES IN NEW YORK CITY.



DOES ANYONE ELSE BITTING ABOUT?



WELL, LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU CAN
DO!



WELL, LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU CAN
DO!



ALL THAT RUNNING
AND BASTARD DO IT
GET ME?

HOWEVER, YOU'RE
STILL INSIDE THE
DOOR TO
BURN YOURSELF
TWO GET OUT AND
BURN THE HOUSE!



WELL, LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU CAN
DO!



WELL, DON'T THINK
WE'LL SEE IT LONGER
A CLUE AS TO WHO HE IS

WELL, DON'T
THINK
WE'LL SEE IT
LONGER
A CLUE AS TO
WHO HE IS



WELL, LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU CAN
DO!



WELL, LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU CAN
DO!



WELL, LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU CAN
DO!

IT'S A GOOD
THAT YOU
WANT TO
KNOW ABOUT
THE
BROADCAST
STORY.



THE
BROADCAST
STORY
IS A
GOOD
THAT
YOU
WANT
TO
KNOW
ABOUT
THE
BROADCAST
STORY.





Another exciting adventure of Lance Roney in the largest issue of FEATURE COMICS.



MICKEY FINN

By LANK LEONARD



NIPPIE

NIPPIE—THIS A'NOW I KNOW
LOOKS LIKE A
GOOD PLACE
TO FISH

A MUCH
BETTER
SPOT?



MICKEY FINN

By LANK LEONARD



WHERE'S
UNCLE
PHIL
MA?

THE BROWNS ARE
MOVING—SO I
ASKED HIM TO GO
AND GIVE THEM
A HAND!



YOU SURE PICKED
A NICE COOL
DAY TO MOVE
MR. BROWN!

YEAH—
SURE!



I'LL RIDE OVER
ON TH' VAN AN'
START PUTTIN'
YOUR THINGS
IN ORDER MR.
BROWN—

FINE PHIL
AND I CAN
GET THE
NEXT LOAD
READY!



SO YOU
WERE A
MOVIN'
MAN ONCE—
SH MR.
FINN!

YEAH! AN' THE
FURNITURE WAS
HEAVIER THEN
TOO! THEY
CALLED ME
"STRONG ARM
FINN!"



JUST PILE IT ALL
ON THE PORCH—
I'LL TAKE IT IN
AN' SAVE YOU
TIME!

OKAY!



WE'LL BE BACK
WITH THE NEXT
LOAD IN AN HOUR
—ARE Y'SURE
YOU CAN PUT
IT IN YOUR-
SELF?

AW—YOU
NEVER
SAW ME
REALLY
WORK!



HEY! DIDNT
FINN SAY HED
HAVE THIS STUFF
PUT IN WHEN
WE GOT
BACK?

MAYBE
HE HURT
HIMSELF
LIFTING—
CHON!!



ZZZZZZ



MICKY FINN

By LANK LEONARD



Read Mickey Finn in the August issue of FEATURE COMICS—on sale June 26th.

POISON IVY

THE MONTHLY
STORY

A NEW ADVENTURE... AS THE YANKEES
TEAM PLANNED A TRICK

THE NEW YORK
YANKEES HAVE
HELD THE BASE-
BALL CHAMPION-
SHIP LONG
ENOUGH



I'M
GONNA DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THOSE
YANKEES!



WELL MR.
MANAGER! I'M
HERE TO HELP
YOU WITH THE
YANKEES
NEXT WEEK!



OKAY, KID! YOU'RE A
SUBSTITUTE... FOR
THE WATER BOY!
NOW, GRAB THAT
PAIL OVER THERE
AND GET GOING!



A WISE GUY, HUH? I'LL
FIX HIM!



OH BOY!
JUST WHAT I
NEED!



I'LL GIVE EACH
PLAYER 10 OUNCES
OF THIS AND THE
MANAGER WILL
HAFTA LET ME
PLAY!



HURRY UP, KID!
OUR WHOLE
TEAM'S THIRSTY!



AS THE PLAYERS DRINK THE
WATER THEY GET YOUNGER AND
SMALLER, THEN THEY DISAPPEAR
ENTIRELY!



WOULDN'T I DO? MY
WHOLE TEAM
HAS DISAPPEARED!

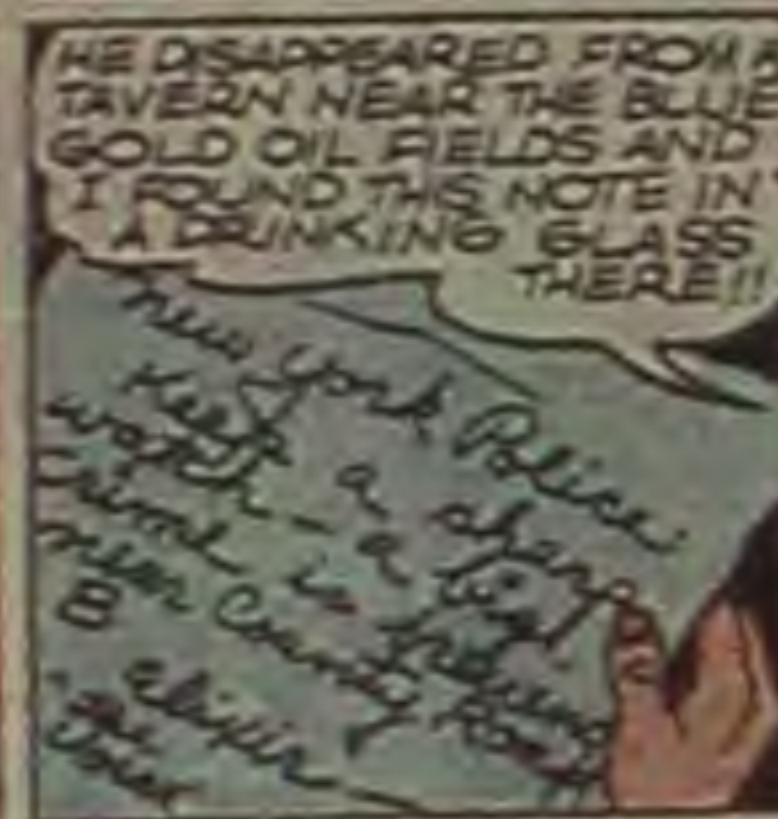
NOW YOU'LL
HAFTA
LET ME
PLAY!

OUT OF
REASONING
HE MANAGER
DECIDES TO
LET POISON
PLAY AGAIN
AGAINST THE
YANKEES
THE DAY OF
THE BIG
PRACTICE
GAME
ARRIVES.
THE MANAGER
SAYS FIRST.



THE BALL
IS JUST
ABOUT
TO DROP
OVER
THE
FENCE
WHEN...









FLAMING RIVER

By Robert H. Abbott

The cutter, close-hauled, slipped noticeably up the lagoon river, its hull soggy with the dank wind that blew out of the jungle.

Perry Scott, intrepid young adventurer, stood on the prow keeping his eyes peeled. Just what lay ahead he did not know. No one had ever penetrated this dreadful jungle so far inland—out even the famous Ironi Flyer.

The cutter ran without light. But the moon was a searchlight, and the ship was in its beam.

It was near midnight when Lanier, at the helm, shouted down the companion, "Hey, fellows, come on up!"

Perry and the three other members of the party dashed up the steps and took their places along the rail. There was no need for Lanier to explain his excitement; the cause was obvious. About two miles upriver a great glow stained the sky red. Fire!

"But what the heck makes it?" Lanier asked. "A hundred camp-

fires couldn't make that much flame!"

"Looks like gas," said Miller, the engineer.

Perry said, "Well, there's only one way to find out. . . . Hey, Lanier, better get the rifle."

For the next twenty minutes as they drew slowly nearer the strange conflagration, nobody said anything, but every one of the youths was doing a heap of thinking. They had been warned to keep out of this savage country; it was inhabited by a race of warlike people that delighted in sniping folk with poison darts and sticking their heads up on poles around their villages.

Somewhere in this wild hinterland of New Guinea lay a fabulous gold mine. Said to have been worked centuries ago by a race of long-gone aborigines, its secret remained locked to the outer world. Considerable of its riches, however, found their way to the seacoast towns. A certain tribe of natives apparently knew of its ex-

istence and traded the gold for articles; but no one on the "mainland" had ever discovered the mine.

Perry Scott had come prepared to pry the secret loose!

Lanier, seeing the cutter less than about a half-mile from the flames, which could be plainly seen now, it looked as if they crossed the river, emanating from the water itself!

"But that's preposterous!" Perry told himself. He already lowered the action of his rifle, seeing that it was ready for instant action. No telling what things might start breaking. The fact that they hadn't seen a single native for five days boded ill.

"Well, what do you know about that?" exclaimed Lanier when they had approached to within fifty feet of the flames.

"Sort of baffling, I call it," Perry replied.

The river at this point was probably fifty yards across. On either side were perpendicular cliffs above hundred feet high. The uncertainty fire burst out of a crack in the opposite wall, like the blast of a blowtorch. The flames shot directly across the river, a few feet above the water, and spent them-



selves against the wall near which Perry and his companions were standing.

"It's evidently gas," said Perry. "Some subterranean source. Makes an effective barrier, eh?"

"You mean—" began Lanier.

"Yeah. Look, Lanier, what do you suppose is on the other side of this wall of fire?"

"I don't know . . . Say, outside the mine, huh?"

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"Easy," Perry added. "We're going to find out."

"But how are we going to get through those flames?"

"There's a way around," Perry said. "Come on. I'm going to get my kayak and some cable."

Back at the camp, Perry and Lanier moved their equipment.

"What are you gonna do with that heavy Eskimo boat?" Miller demanded, grinning. "That ain't a kayak!"

"I know," Perry admitted. "Just thought it might come in handy. Come on, Lanier! We'll be back when you see us, fellows; we're going to find the lost gold mine!"

There was a way around the lava at night. Perry and Lanier after two hours of arduous toil, climbed to the top of what appeared to be a volcanic crater.

It was dawn when they reached the lip of the chasm and peered over. Lanier gasped.

"Gosh, Perry, there's a lake down there!"

"The source of our river," said Perry. "Probably be pretty warm down there, but that's where we're going." He unwound a coil of several hundred feet of line and cable. Attaching an end to the kayak, he began lowering the odd craft.

"Okay," he said after a few minutes. "Our turn now!"

Perry fastened the cable to a lion rock and the two began their perilous descent. After ten miny ones of slipping and hanging against the sharp lava, they reached the bottom of the crater. The landscape was a good hundred yards across. There was no break in the surrounding walls of lava rock.

"Well, now is the time," sang out Perry. He floored the kayak, climbed in and unsnapped the telescopic paddle. He pushed off and, after making a complete circuit of the dry lake, returned.

"The spring is somewhere in there," he said, indicating the wall of rock. "And I think I know about where."

He pushed off again. Suddenly he turned the kayak over, head

under water. Lanier watched the shiny bottom of the craft flip around the solid rock, then abruptly it disappeared. Perry had gone through a subterranean cave!

A noise below passed. Lanier began to get a bit apprehensive for Perry's safety. Then the shiny kayak bottom slipped out of the rock wall and floated in the open. Perry righted the craft, shook the water out of his eyes, and paddled to shore rapidly.



"Lanier!" he cried excitedly. "I found it! Gold! A treasure house of it! It's back in the tunnel about a quarter-mile. Awful dark in there, but oh boy, what a mine she is!"

Lanier nodded fast. "Yeah, but how do we get to it? How do we get through this fire?"

"Easy," Perry told him. "All we have to do is blast that gas jet into smithereens. We've got dynamite aboard... Hey, look!" Perry suddenly pointed aloft.

Lanier looked. His face went dead white. Around the crater a hundred or more savage faces peered down. The tribesmen! The guardians of this ancient mine! They were quiet, immobile, but the boys could see scars of deadly blowguns. They were crapped!

"Well," said Perry ruefully, "I guess we're in a sort of spot!"

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Lanier was beside himself. "Good gosh, I guess we are in a spot! We can't climb out and we can't go through the fire! I—"

"Hey," Perry interrupted. "Toss me the end of that cable." Lanier did so. Perry fastened it to the kayak.

"Now look, Lanier," he said. "I'm going to try something. You hang on to the cable. Give me about fifteen minutes, then pull the kayak back to you and pile in."

"Lanier gasped. "You mean—through those flames!"

"Maybe it'll be a little warm, but it's going to get pretty warm around here, son!" He indicated the savage above. Then he climbed into the kayak, fastened the water-proof leather around him and pushed off.

"Toodle-oo! I'll be seeing you on 'other side!" Then he was off, paddling swiftly. Just before he reached the fire, he turned over and disappeared. Lanier waited, then pulled the empty kayak to him and crawled in.

Once more out of danger, the two boys trudged back to the crater. Perry soon carried his kayak till it was something precious. And indeed it was. It had saved their lives!

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10 CENTS
A DANCE



JOE HAS
TO MIND
THE KIDS
TODAY!



HE MUST BE DELIRIOUS, DOCTOR—
HE KEEPS BEGGING FOR CASTOR OIL!



WAIT TIL WE GET TO
THE OTHER ZOO, DEAR!
THEN WE'LL FEED THE
ANIMALS!



IS OO
DONNA DIV'
YOUR UNCLE
PETE A DREAT
BIG TISS?

S'MATTER,
UNC'— DID
YA BUST YOUR
UPPER
PLATE?



HE WAS BORN
AT SEA... SO THIS
IS THE ONLY WAY I
CAN GET HIM TO SLEEP!



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E. OUR ARMY OF COUNTER-
SPY, MEN TRAINED IN THE
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COUNTERSPY, CAPT. BRUCE
BLACKBURN, IS OFFICIALLY
DEAD!

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JACKSON ARE VERY MUCH
ALIVE! THEIR FACES AL-
TERED BY PLASTIC SURGERY,
THEY ARE NOW IDENTICAL.
THAT'S ADDED BY SERGEANT
CURRY THEY USE AN ANTIQUE
SHOP FOR A "FRONT"...

THE
HEARING
EYE

YOU, THERE! STOP!

HE DROPPED
HIS BRIEFCASE

NEAR THE WAR DEPARTMENT...

HOLY SHOCK! IF THIS IS
WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE,
COL. JORDAN MUST HAVE
IT IMMEDIATELY!

IT CAN'T BE! NO NOTES
WERE TAKEN AT THIS
SECRET CONFERENCE! YET
HERE IS A RECORD OF
WHAT WAS SAID!

CHIEF OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE

WHMM! SO NO NOTES WERE
TAKEN! YET THIS IS A
TRANSCRIPTION OF THE
MEETING?

THAT'S RIGHT,
BRUCE. WE
MUST STOP
THAT LEAK!

AT THE FINE
ANTIQUE SHOP

COLONEL JORDAN, LET'S TAKE
A LOOK AT THAT ROOM
WHERE THE CONFERENCE
WAS HELD!

CERTAINLY
BRUCE

LEAVING BY A SECRET EXIT

NO DICTOGRAPHS OR WIRES—
IT WASN'T DONE THAT WAY!
LET ME SEE THAT
RECORD AGAIN,
COLONEL...

HERE IT IS,
BRUCE

AFTER A THOROUGH
SEARCH OF THE
CONFERENCE ROOM—

WHMM! YOU WERE AT THIS
CONFERENCE, YET THERE IS
NO RECORD OF WHAT YOU
SAID! COLONEL, WHERE
WERE YOU SEATED?

IN
FRONT
OF THAT
WINDOW!









RUSTY

of Boyville





His plan to rescue the girl and trap the kidnappers. All set. Rusty enters the mine.



She's still sitting in the same place.



Oh! Say, I've come to help you! Move your feet back so I can untie them!



They'll shoot you if they find you here!



The husky hears the girl murmuring.



What'd you say, kid?

Er... I-I said I wish I were home!

Oh... well, keep quiet!



Oops! I thought we were done for them!



There... your legs are untied... get set to run!



Hey, somebody's talking to that kid!

I heard some talk too... I'm sure we'd better take a look!



Rusty needs the same money. He'll help her.



I told you! Why the little brat she won't get away with this!



Oh... not so fast!

Sorry, but they're watching us!





SAMAR

BY
JOHN CHARLES

FEARLESS AND ABOVE THE
MYSTERIOUS WHITE MAN
SAMAR RULES UNDISPUTED
OVER THE WILD AND SAVAGE
JUNGLE

A FEROCE STORM WHIPS THROUGH THE JUNGLE IN A BLACK
FOOD OF CASHING LIGHTS AND BRONCHING RAIN



A LONE SCOUT CRASHES
THROUGH THE JUNGLE WITH
AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE
TO HIS MASTER



AT A TIME IN A PLACE THE FIRST
OF THE PANTHER MEN



THE PANTHER
MEN!



THEY CRIES ARE SILENCED BY
THE FALLING OF THE GREAT
MOUNTAIN OF THE PANTHER MEN







IN THE STRUGGLE THE SON
OLDY IS CRUELLY STRUCK
BEHIND



AND WHISKED SILENTLY AWAY
THROUGH THE DENSE FOLIAGE



WHERE IS LAN?
LAN! LAN!



WHO RECEIVES HIS CAPTIVE
THE SECRET CAVE OF HIS
TAIN SOCIETY.



THROW HIM
INTO THE
PANTHER
PIT!



STRUGGLING IN PAIN LAN IS
DROPPED TO THE EDGE OF A
DEEP PIT.



STARES IN HORROR AT THE
GROWLING BEAST BELOW



SUDDENLY SAMAR
CLIMBS FROM A TREE
TO THE CAVE'S MOUTH



WHEN IS HURLED TO HIS
DEATH TRAP SAMAR LEAPS



WITH ONE STROKE HE KNOCKS
THE PANTHER MEN TO THE
GROUND DATED



BUT IN THE PIT THE BLACK
PANTHER CROUCHES FOR
A LEAP





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